

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1           1. A receptacle comprising:  
2               a base;  
3               a passage having an end portion, the passage in  
4       communication with the base;  
5               wherein the end portion further comprises:  
6               a slot provided on a side of the end portion; and  
7               a closed top.
- 1           2. The receptacle of Claim 1, wherein the slot is configured to  
2       receive cigarettes.
- 1           3. The receptacle of Claim 2, wherein the slot has a width of less  
2       than one half inch.
- 1           4. The receptacle of Claim 3, wherein the slot has a length of less  
2       than two and one half inches.
- 1           5. The receptacle of Claim 1, wherein the slot has a width of at  
2       least one quarter inch.
- 1           6. The receptacle of Claim 1, wherein the slot is configured to  
2       receive cigars.
- 1           7. A receptacle comprising:  
2               a base having an upper portion and a lower portion, wherein  
3       the upper portion has at least a first width, and the lower portion has at  
4       least a second width, and wherein the second width is substantially equal  
5       to or wider than the first width;

6 a passage having an end portion, the passage in  
7 communication with the base;  
8 wherein the end portion further comprises:  
9 a slot provided on a side of the end portion; and  
10 a closed top.

1 8. The receptacle of Claim 7, wherein the base has a base height,  
2 and the ratio of the base height to the second width is at least 1:1.

1 9. The receptacle of Claim 7, wherein the receptacle has a  
2 receptacle height, and the ratio of the receptacle height to the second  
3 width is at least 3:1.